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Road Construction to Begin on Ohio Drive near the Lincoln Memorial; Expect Detours and Delays

Washington D.C. - Starting April 25, 2010, the National Park Service (NPS) will begin Phase I of a roadway re- construction project between the Lincoln Memorial and the Kennedy Center. It will affect the roadways between Independence Avenue, S.W. at the intersection of Ohio Drive S.W. and 23rd Street, S.W., and up to the southern end of Rock Creek Parkway, in the area immediately south of the Kennedy Center. Most of the work will occur at night. Phase 2 of this roadway re- construction project will start in approximately 6 weeks, just after Memorial Day.

Work activities include total re- construction of the road and storm drainage system, and minor shifting of the road alignment. Motorists and pedestrians will be notified of lane shifts and closures through the use of construction signs and variable message boards, which will be posted during the entire construction process. The public may expect frequent, total closures at night, and daytime detours that will vary depending on the phase of construction. During the day there will be changes to both rush hour and non- rush hour traffic patterns. There will always be two lanes maintained inbound for the AM rush and two lanes maintained outbound for the PM rush. As is common practice, there will be no inbound lanes during PM rush. During non- rush hour, one inbound lane and one outbound lane will be maintained. Pedestrian and bicycle access will be detoured around the east side of the Lincoln Memorial during the entire construction period.

The planned completion date for all work is late fall 2010. Weather may require adjustments to the schedule. Every effort is being made to minimize traffic delays and accomplish the work in a timely manner. The NPS will continue to inform the public and the media of any adjustments in the work schedule.

BROADCASTER'S NOTE:

Please announce on your morning and afternoon drive times and at 5:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. newscasts beginning Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

Suggested Alternative Routes

Proceeding south from Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway to downtown and points east:

1. Proceed south on Rock Creek Parkway to left- hand turn onto Virginia Ave., N.W. to right- hand turn onto southbound 19th Street to left- hand turn onto Constitution Ave., N.W.
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2. Proceed south on Rock Creek Parkway to left- hand turn onto Virginia Ave., N.W. to right-hand turn onto southbound 19th Street to left- hand turn onto Constitution Ave., N.W. to right- hand turn onto southbound 17th Street to Independence Ave., S.W., eastbound via Kutz Bridge turn- around.

Heading south from Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway to Arlington Memorial Bridge:

- I. Proceed south on Rock Creek Parkway to left- hand turn onto Virginia Ave., N.W., to right-hand turn onto 23rd Street, N.W., southbound to Lincoln Circle to Arlington Memorial Bridge.

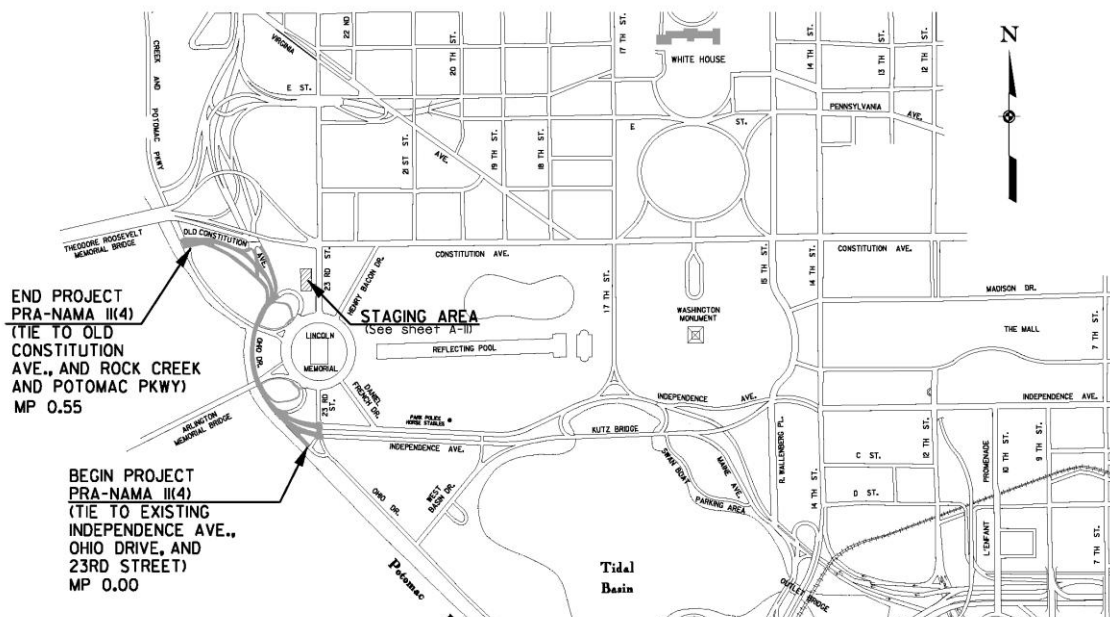
Heading north to Rock Creek Parkway from East Potomac Park or Independence Ave.:

- I. Use Maine Ave., S.W. to 15th (or 17th street during non- rush hour) northbound to westbound Constitution Ave., N.W. and right- hand turn onto Virginia Ave., N.W. to northbound Rock Creek Parkway.

Heading north to I- 66/Theodore Roosevelt Bridge from East Potomac Park or Independence Ave.:

- I. Use Maine Ave., S.W. to 15th (or 17th street during non- rush hour) northbound to westbound Constitution Ave., which becomes I- 66/Theodore Roosevelt Bridge once past 23rd Street, N.W.

Location Map



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